# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S. 181

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TO: The Honorable Michael L. Fair, Chairman, Senate Corrections and Penology Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Early Release

# ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: See Below

## ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

#### **BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 181 amends Sections 24-13-210, 24-13-230, 24-27-200 and 30-4-40 as they relate to the policies and procedure requirements for early release from the Department of Corrections. This Bill would require Corrections to develop the policies, procedures and guidelines which would allow a prisoner to receive a reduction in their sentence as well as the forfeiture of work, education and good conduct credits. Furthermore, this Bill would also exempt certain architectural plans, drawings or schematics from being disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act, if the information was deemed to be useful in the adding an escape for a Correctional facility.

#### **EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

## The Department of Corrections

The Department indicates this Bill could have an impact to the State General Fund in terms of cost savings associated with the reduction in the average daily inmate population. Based upon FY 2006 inmate population figures and release patterns enactment should save the agency approximately \$204,800 annually and decrease of the average daily population by 64 inmates. Cost savings are based on the average annual variable inmate cost of \$3,200.

# State Budget and Control Board

A review of this Bill by the Board indicates there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or other funds.

## **SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:

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